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SUBJECT: DRAWING AFRICAN ATTENTION TO SOVIET ACTIVITY IN THE HORN

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1. IN CONVERSATION REPORTED REF B AND OTHERS, PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR HIS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI CONFLICT. NYERERE IS PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS FOR BORDERS OF AFRICAN STATES, IN WHOSE INTEGRITY HE IS A STRONG BELIEVER. WE EXPECT HE IS ALSO UPSET THAT TWO "PROGRESSIVE" STATES ARE LOCKED IN HOSTILITIES WHICH DIVERT ENERGY AND RESOURCES FROM THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION.

2. NYERERE, OR VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE IN HIS BEHALF, ATTEMPTED TO INTERVENE TO HEAD OFF PRESENT ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI CONFLICT. NYERERE HAS TRIED TO COUNSEL ETHIOPIAN ABOUT HALTING EXCESSES BUT NOW BELIEVES HE HAS NO INFLUENCE. HE ALSO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS NO INFLUENCE IN CURBING SOMALI IRREDENTISM.

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3. NYERERE BEARS NO ILL WILL AGAINST THE SOVIETS FOR TROUBLES IN THE HORN. OUR INDIAN COLLEAGUES REPORT THAT HE TOLD VISITING FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE IN LATE JULY THAT THE USSR WAS PLAYING A VALUABLE ROLE IN PROMOTING CONCILIATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. NYERERE IS NOT PLEASED THAT SOVIET ARMS ARE BEING USED BY BOTH SIDES. HE SEEMS TO VIEW CONFLICT AS INEVITABLE, HOWEVER, AND TO

BELIEVE THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD FIND ARMS SOMEWHERE ELSE IF THE USSR WERE NOT INVOLVED. HE HAS SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE SOVIETS ARMING BOTH SIDES RATHER THAN JUST ONE.

4. WE THINK IT VERY UNLIKELY THAT NYERERE COULD BE PERSUADED TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE HORN. WE EVEN DOUBT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO JOIN AN AFRICAN CONSENSUS, SHOULD ONE SEEM TO BE DEVELOPING. HE IS APPRECIATIVE THAT US ARMS ARE NO LONGER GOING TO THE HORN TO FUEL THE CONFLICT. THAT, TO NYERERE, HELPS REMOVE THE DANGER OF GREAT POWER RIVALRY. WHAT REMAINS IS A PROBABLY INEVITABLE AFRICAN CONFLICT IN WHICH SOVIET ARMS ARE ONLY COINCIDENTALLY INVOLVED. SPAIN

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